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METHOD OF MANUFACTURING AND STRUCTURE OF SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above identified application, Applicant respectfully submits the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

-- This application is a divisional of application Serial No. 10/155,543, filed May 24, 2002.--